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The steamship DOLORES, flying the Panamanian flag, left Genoa, Italy, for Vlone, Albania, on 9 October 1948, carrying 97 Albanian passengers who are being repatriated from Australia.* The Albanians arrived in Genoa on 23 September 1948 from Australia on board the British steamship STRAHNAVER. The original 27 man Greek crew of the DOLORES, as well as the Captain, a man named Gladouris, refused to sail with the ship upon discovering that the Albanians were for the most part of military age; the crew believed that upon arrival in Albania many of them might be drafted by that country's government for service with the Greek Rebels. The ship was able to sail only after the substitution of an Italian crew.

- 2. The passenger manifest of the DOLORES indicates that of the 97 passengers, 72 were Albanian citizens and 25 naturalized Australian citizens.
- The steamship DOLORES is owned by Fliou (fnu), 3 James Street, Cardiff, Wales. Its agent in Genoa is Mantacas and Bintiadis, Via Ponte Reale 2.

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Comment: The names of the 97 Albanians are available upon requesto

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